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Applicant	:	GUINAN, Terry A.		
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Customer No.	:	28390		
Title	:	Stent Delivery Catheter With Grooved Balloon and Methods of Making Same		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to the final office action mailed March 21, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.